

The Doyle Dispatch

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Preparation and Study

Time spent away from the teams in the villages is both needed and useful. It's not as 'glamorous' to work day after day at the desk in the little rented office, but without that background work the overall translation program would be greatly impoverished.

One example of the things that get done is the Solos Dialect Survey that Larry finished writing up in late November. After some back-and-forth with a consultant and some edits, it was approved in mid-January. Now the team has a pretty good idea of the dialect differences across the Solos area and can make better decisions about spelling, distribution, and other elements of the translation program.

Larry continues to work on literacy books, training to be a Translation Consultant, grammar and other linguistics, and some administrative tasks. No two days are the same! He's also involved in preparing for the biennial Conference coming up in March. Hopefully, after that Conference, the teams will have enough chapters drafted to need advisor checking.

...thou hast
been faithful over a
few things, I will
make thee ruler
over many things...

Matthew 25:23b
(KJV)

It is a joy to experience some of the tropical beauty that God put in PNG!

Prayer Corner

Praises:

- A relaxing Christmas break
- Some communication with the Solos teams
- A solid start to 2026
- Dialect Survey report completed!
- Thank God for the great team of people standing with and behind us (that's you!)

Requests:

- Pray for the four Solos translation teams as they each figure out good ways to work and that they would make progress on their sections of Genesis
- That we would be able to communicate well with the Solos teams
- For our family to thrive this year as we prepare for furlough in June



Because of some generous Christmas gifts, we were able to go on a local tour from Lae, a coastal city, and spend a day at a village beach and hike to a waterfall. For a sense of scale, see all three boys swimming in the pool below. It was a very refreshing day. Thanks for making it possible!



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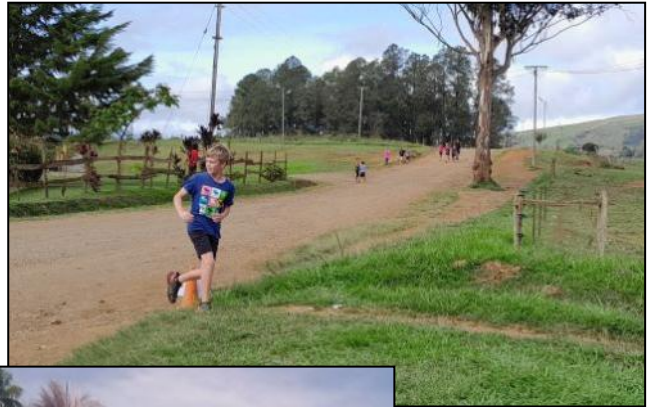
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Jacob, as the youngest, sometimes gets passed over, so this month we're featuring him on the Back Page.

Above: Playing the baritone in beginning band at Christmas.

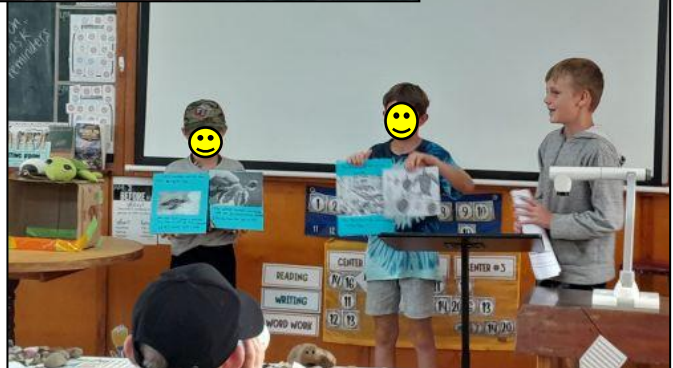
Below: Airborne!



Above: Running in a community 3K race.

Center: Jacob enjoyed our day at the beach.

Below: Giving a class presentation on sea turtles at school, with a couple of friends assisting with the illustrations.



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